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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRASILIA 1528

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ENERGY COORDINATING GROUP

1. BATISTA (ASST SEC ECONOMIC AFFAIRS FONOFF) REQUESTED MEETING WITH ECON COUNSELOR TO CONVEY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE. "BRAZIL DOES NOT WISH TO BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE- IN THE NEXT ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS AMONG THE OIL CONSUMING COUNTRIES. HE STATED THAT THIS DECISION HAD BEEN MADE BY THE SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE PRESENT AS WELL AS THOSE OF THE NEXT ADMINISTRATION. BRAZIL, HE ADDED, SYMPATHIZES WITH THE INITIATIVE TAKEN BY THE US TO TRY TO RESOLVE THE OIL CRISIS, AND HOPES THAT OUR EFFORTS WILL BE SUCCESSFUL. THE DECISION NOT TO PARTICIPATE WAS MADE WITH RELUCTANCE BUT BRAZIL IS HEAVILY DEPENDENT ON ARAB OIL AND FEARS TAKING ANY ACTION THAT MIGHT GENERATE DIFFICULTIES WITH THE ARABS. IF BRAZIL HAD PROBLEMS IN PROCURING OIL, THE GOB DID NOT FEEL IT WOULD BE ABLE TO GET ANY ASSISTANCE FROM THE US OR FROM OTHER MAJOR CONSUMERS.

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2. ECON COUNSELOR EXPRESSED HIS REGRET ABOUT

THIS DECISION, NOTING THAT LACK OF PARTICIPATION BY COUNTRIES SUCH AS BRAZIL WOULD MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE RESULTS. MORE THAN GOOD WISHES WERE NECESSARY IF THESE MEETINGS WERE TO BE EFFECTIVE. THE ECON COUNSELOR NOTED THAT PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE RECENT SPEECH MADE BY AMBASSADOR ARAUJO CASTRO, BRAZIL'S DECISION WOULD COME AS A SURPRISE TO WASHINGTON. BATISTA RESPONDED THAT THE AMBASSADOR HAD GIVEN THE SPEECH TO A PRIVATE GROUP AND THAT THESE VIEWS DID NOT ADEQUATELY REFLECT BRAZILIAN POLICY.

3. ECON COUNSELOR ALSO ASKED ABOUT THE FINAL MEETINGS THAT WERE CONTEMPLATED, THOSE INVOLVING THE PRODUCER AS WELL AS THE CONSUMING COUNTRIES. BATISTA STATED THAT THIS ISSUE HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED AND THAT A DECISION HAD NOT YET BEEN MADE.
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